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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

With living faith and open hearts we lift our minds in thoughtful prayer to You, O God.

By Your grace, raise us up to be mindful of eternal truths. Although You speak to us through the holy scripture and by divine inspirations, we can all too easily be bogged down by the problems of the day and only selfish designs.

Help us this day to turn to You in all our necessities. With hearts fixed on Your loving concern for all Your people, bless our work of public service; and place in our hearts a longing to share in Your eternal glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BONNER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BONNER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 357. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1773. An act to resolve certain Native American claims in New Mexico, and for other purposes.

HONORING SPEAKER HASTERT

(Mr. CANTOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of you. This June, you will become the longest-serving Republican Speaker in history. Your leadership has guided our Nation through times of great tragedy and great joy.

You have led our country with a selfless dedication to our Founding Fathers' beliefs in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. Our country, this Congress, our party, owes you a great debt, and I wanted to rise today to thank you for your service during this time you are being maligned through irresponsible leaks by an unaccountable bureaucrat. Thank you always for remaining above the fray.

SPYING AND THE FBI

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, amidst the debate nationally about the tracking of calls of millions of Americans, questions about bureaucratic leaks here on Capitol Hill, and evidence that we are awash in information, the FBI approached an employee in Portland City Hall last week to solicit her to spy on activities there.

Mr. Speaker, the FBI has had a long and shameful history of spying on American citizens, information that Director J. Edgar Hoover used literally to blackmail people in government and treated Martin Luther king shame-

fully. It prompted some of my conservative friends to call for ripping his name off the FBI headquarters.

It is time for the FBI to get its priorities straight. Remember, this is the institution that couldn't deal with information it had before 9/11 about potential airplane hijackers.

If evidence of wrongdoing is in place, jump on it, but don't establish a spy network trolling for information. Let us keep the FBI on its important work. The American public deserves it.

NATIONAL MISSING KIDS DAY

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FOLEY. Madam Speaker, let me associate myself with the words of the gentleman from Virginia in strong support of our team leader, Coach HASTERT, Speaker HASTERT, a decent, honorable man who has led this Chamber in an incredibly fair and responsible manner. Shame on those false reports.

Let me also alert our colleagues—today is National Missing Kids Day. Every day, 2,000 children go missing. Even though many are returned home safely, many are still unaccounted for. Sexual predators roam free, foisting their sickness on the most vulnerable. Despite our success in recent years of tracking down our missing kids, much more needs to be done.

If you watched recent episodes of Dateline or America's Most Wanted, online predators have a pervasive and sickening impact on our children.

There are over 5,000 registered sex offenders in this country, and 150,000 of them go without any kind of checking in or any kind of tracking. We track library books better than our sexual predators. We have to stop playing Russian roulette with our children's lives.

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